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**U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**  
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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Mr. Dudas,

I support the Request for Re-examination of Patent # 6,924,413 submitted by the American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS) challenging the patenting of rabbits and other animals whose eyes have been purposefully damaged.

I am opposed to the USPTO's practice of issuing patents on animals. This is an inappropriate application of United States Patent Law. Animals are sentient beings, not machines or mere "compositions of matter." We are here to protect them with laws not create laws that will ultimately harm them.

Please I urge you to stop patenting animals.

Sincerely,

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*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."*

*Mohandas Gandhi*